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December 23, 1999. The international application under PCT
article 21(2) was not published in English.--

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Page *2*, after formula (I), replace lines 7-26 with the
following paragraphs:

--in which

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A₁, A₂, A₃, A₄, which may be identical or different, are selected
from the group which consists of hydrogen, metals of main groups
I, II and III of the periodic system, such as Na, K, Ca, Mg, Al
as well as substituted and unsubstituted ammonium and ammonium
compounds derived from ethylenediamine or amino acids,

X is absent or is selected from the group which consists of
alkylene with up to 9 carbon atoms, alkenylene with up to 9
carbon atoms, hydroxyalkylene with up to 9 carbon atoms and
amidino,

R₁ is selected from the group which consists of H, OH, NH₂, -CH₃,

R₂ is selected from the group which consists of H, OH, -NH₂,
substituted and unsubstituted acyl, substituted and unsubstituted
alkyl, substituted and unsubstituted aryl, substituted and
unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted and unsubstituted aralkyl,
substituted and unsubstituted heterocyclic residue and the
pharmaceutically compatible salts, amides, esters and salts of
the esters or compounds which, on administration, form the

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compounds to be administered as metabolites or breakdown products,--

Page 3, replace lines 8-14 with the following paragraphs:

--Preferably suitable substances of the formula (I) are those in

which

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 A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4 , which may be identical or different, are selected from the group which consists of hydrogen, metals of main groups I, II and III of the periodic system, such as Na, K, Ca, Mg, Al, substituted and unsubstituted ammonium and ammonium compounds derived from ethylenediamine or amino acids,

X is absent or is selected from the group which consists of alkyl, $(CH_2)_{1-6}$, in particular $(CH_2)_{1-5}$, and amidino,--

A marked-up version of the prior pending paragraphs showing the changes made is attached as Exhibit A.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-11 and replace them with new claims 12-21 as follows: